



# ERDC's Coastal Storm-Modeling System: System Integration (CSTORM-MS)

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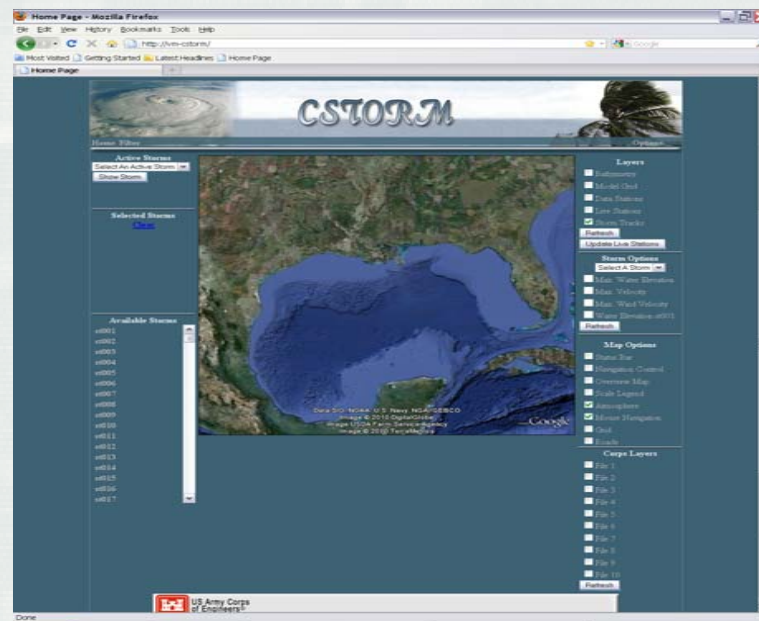
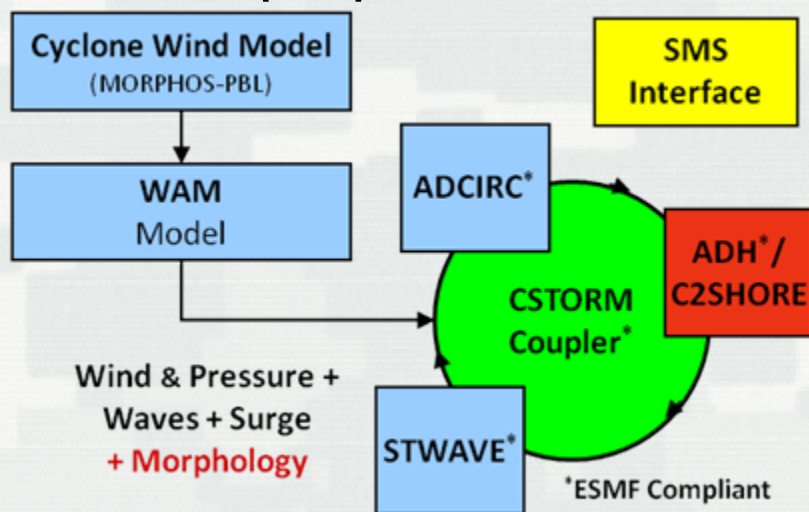


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# CSTORM-MS Overview

- CSTORM-MS is an efficient, robust, expandable modeling system for assessing the risk of flooding of coastal communities .... or non-storm events
- Streamlined workflow saves time and reduces both computational and personnel cost.
- Model data stored in CSTORM-DB for easy access and reuse purposes....for example...



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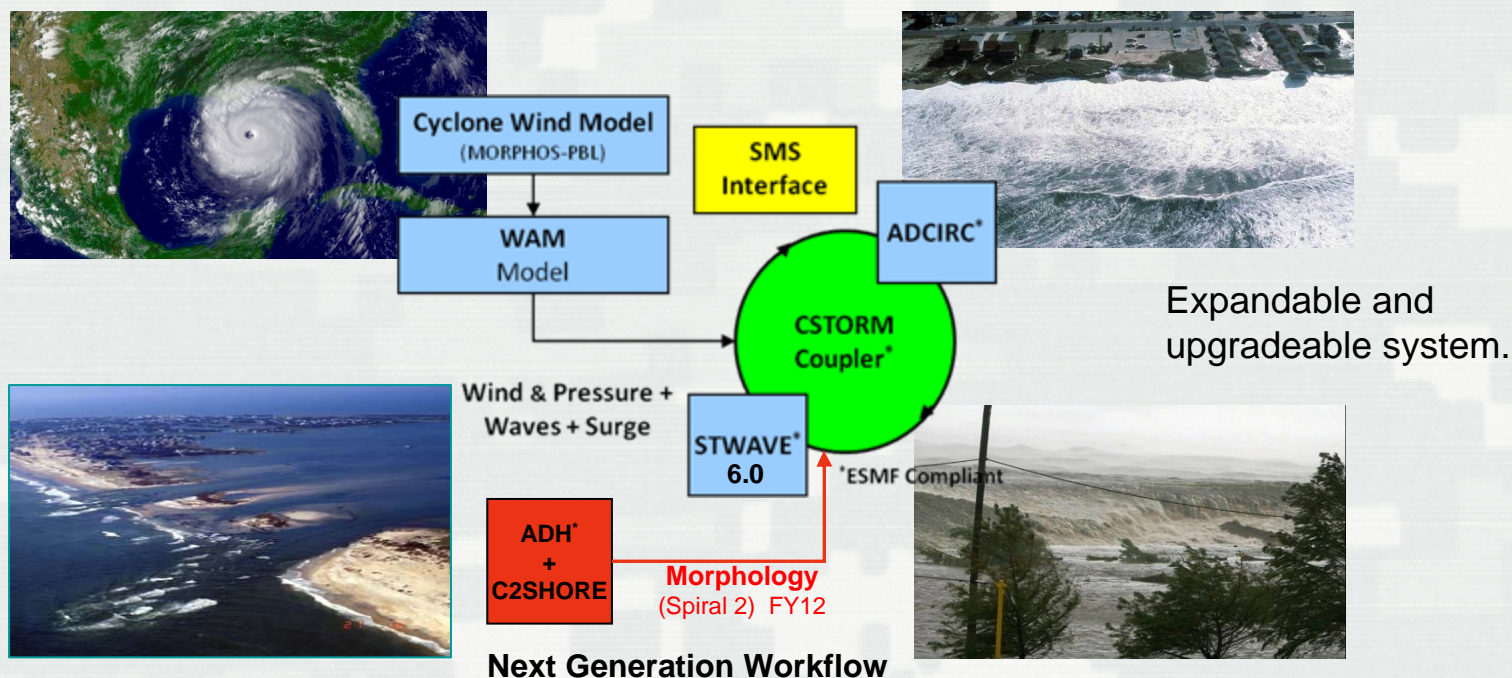




# ERDC's Coastal Storm-Modeling System (ERDC CSTORM-MS)

Application of high-resolution, highly skilled numerical models in a tightly-integrated modeling system with user friendly interfaces

Not just  
hurricanes and  
not just in the  
Gulf of Mexico.



Provides for a robust, standardized approach to establishing the risk of inundation to coastal communities from storm events

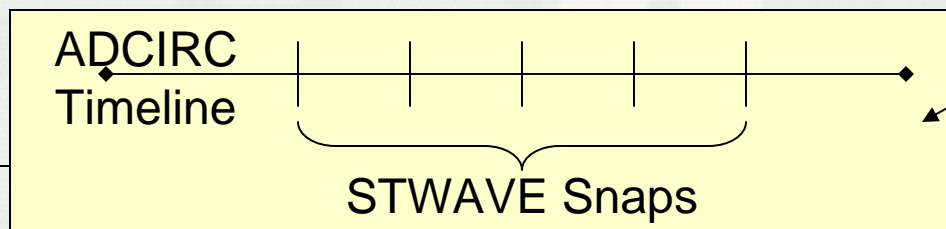
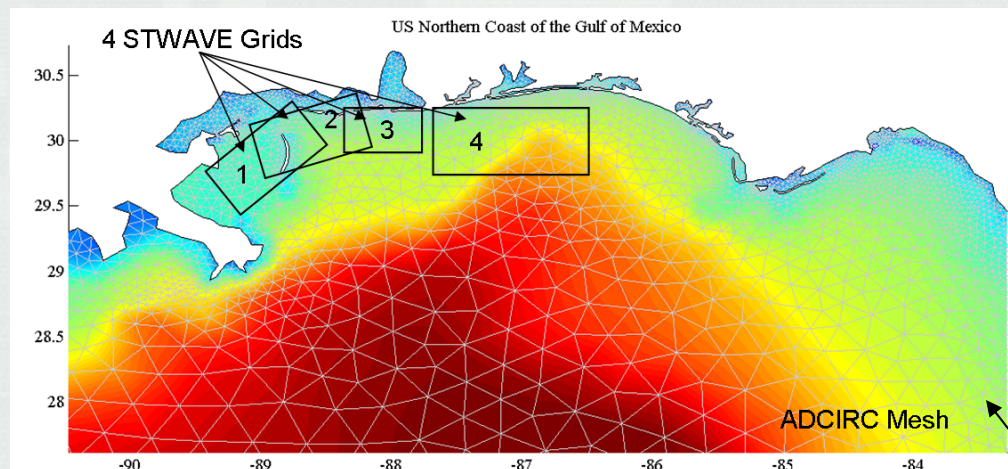
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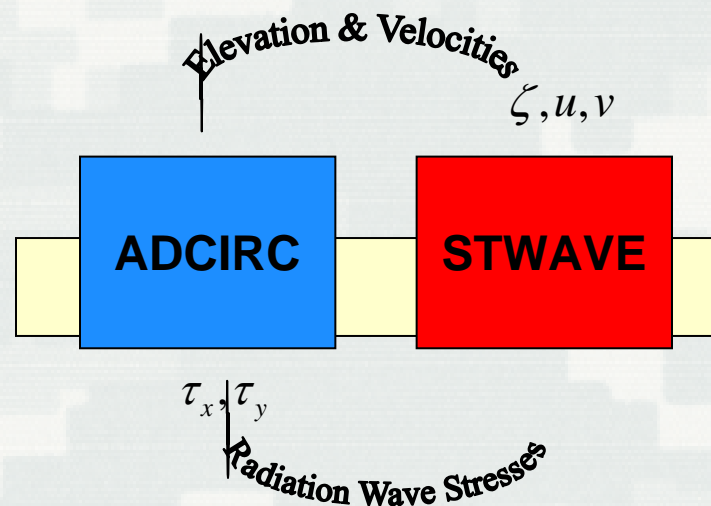


# Circulation $\leftrightarrow$ Wave Coupling

- Unstructured finite element circulation mesh
  - Single ADCIRC domain
- One or more structured wave grids
  - Multiple STWAVE domains
    - Half-Plane
    - Full-Plane



## Information to Exchange



For consistency use the same winds and bathymetry.

Need to be able to synchronize both time and spatial frames of reference.

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# The Earth System Modeling Framework

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- The ESMF has multi-agency buy in.
- Having our models ESMF compliant makes them readily available to be linked with each other and with other agencies' ESMF compliant models.
- This leads to expanded collaborations and funding opportunities.

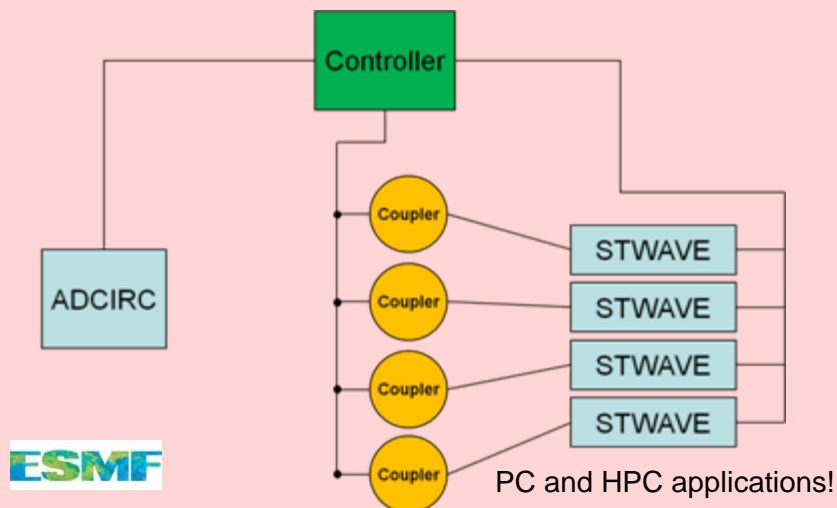




# Circulation $\leftrightarrow$ Wave Coupling

## CONTROL

### Schematic for CSTORM-MS Version of Tightly Coupled ADCIRC+STWAVE



ESMF coupling standards allows individual codes to stay virtually autonomous

Specification of how the two models are to interact is done with a simple control file

Controller: 1 cpu

Coupler: 1 cpu (1 coupler/STWAVE)

ADCIRC/STWAVE share cpu's

### Example Lake Michigan/FEMA Study

ADCIRC: 157

STWAVE: 30 + 30 + 120 = 180

Controller: 1

Couplers: 3

Total Needed: 184 shared CPUS

## Expandable !

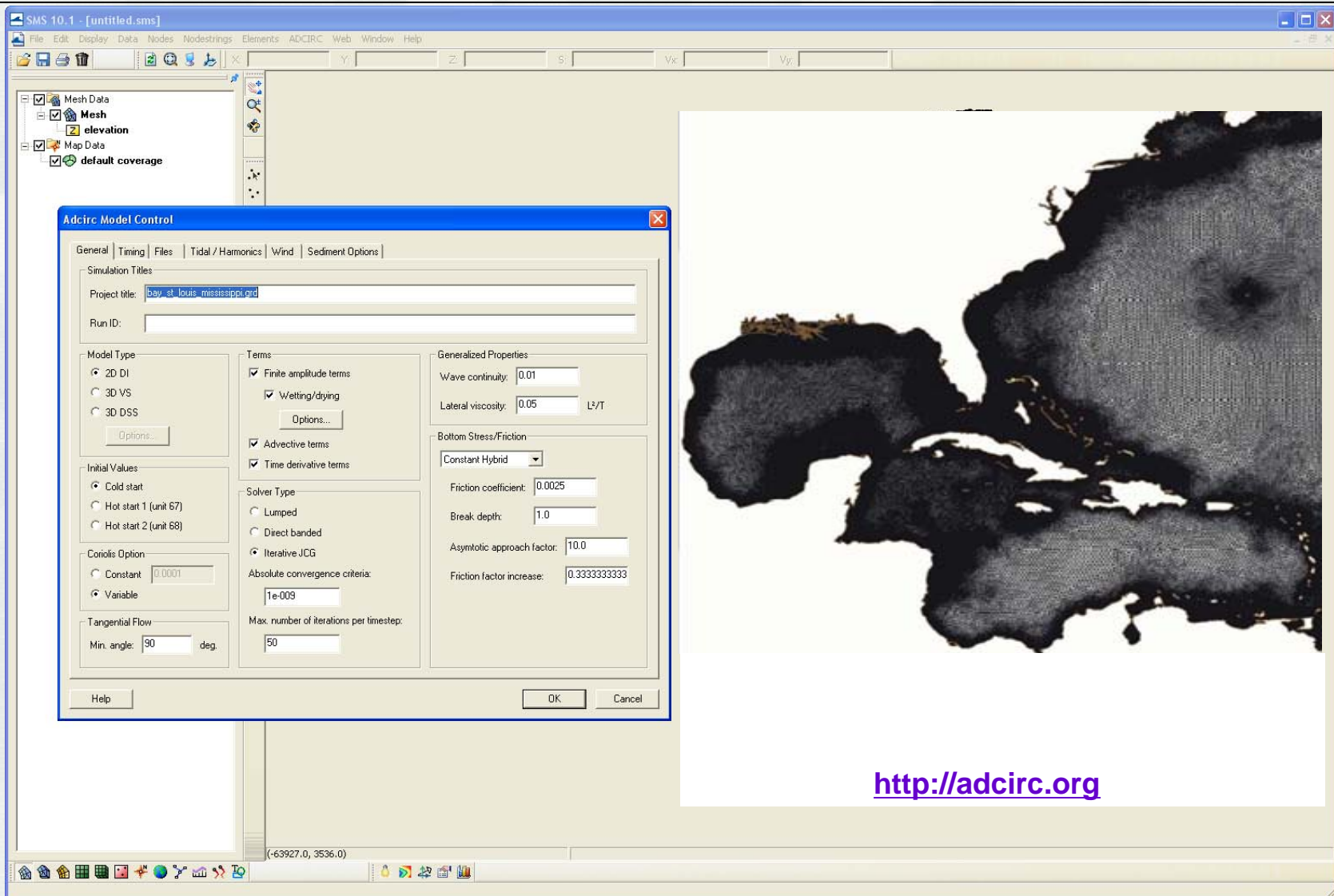
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# SMS GUI for ADCIRC

## Coastal Circulation and Storm Surge Model



<http://adcirc.org>

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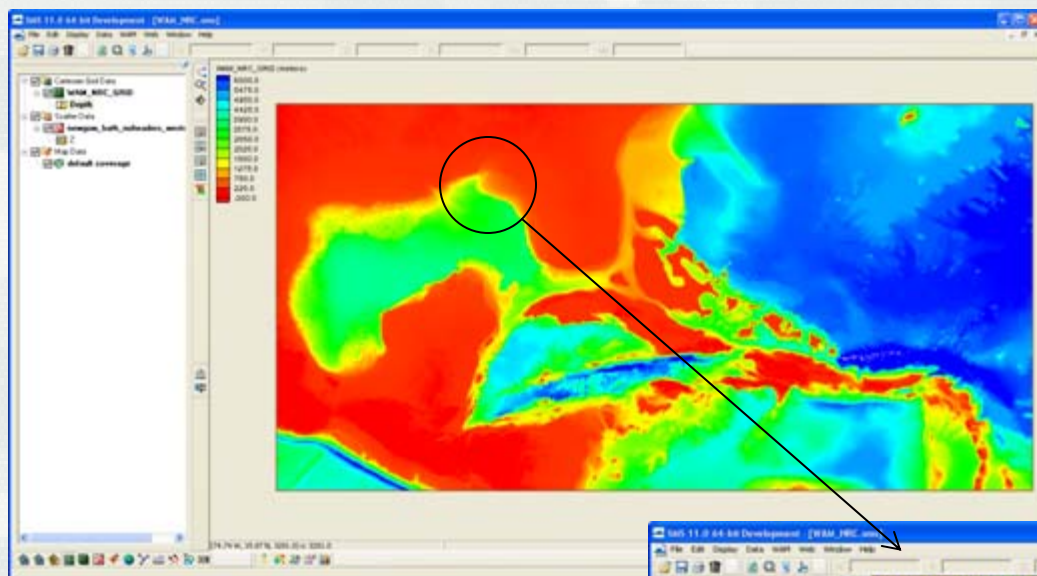
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# SMS GUI for WAM

Third generation global ocean wave prediction model



Grid Options

General | Output | Spatial Inputs

Title: WAM simulation created in SMS.

Model options

Water depth model: Shallow

Refraction model: Not used

☒ Breaking

Test level: 0

☒ Create restart file

Model time steps

Propagation: 900 seconds

Source: 900 seconds

Output wind: 1800 seconds

Output time steps

Spatial Datasets: 12 hours

Spectra: 12 hours

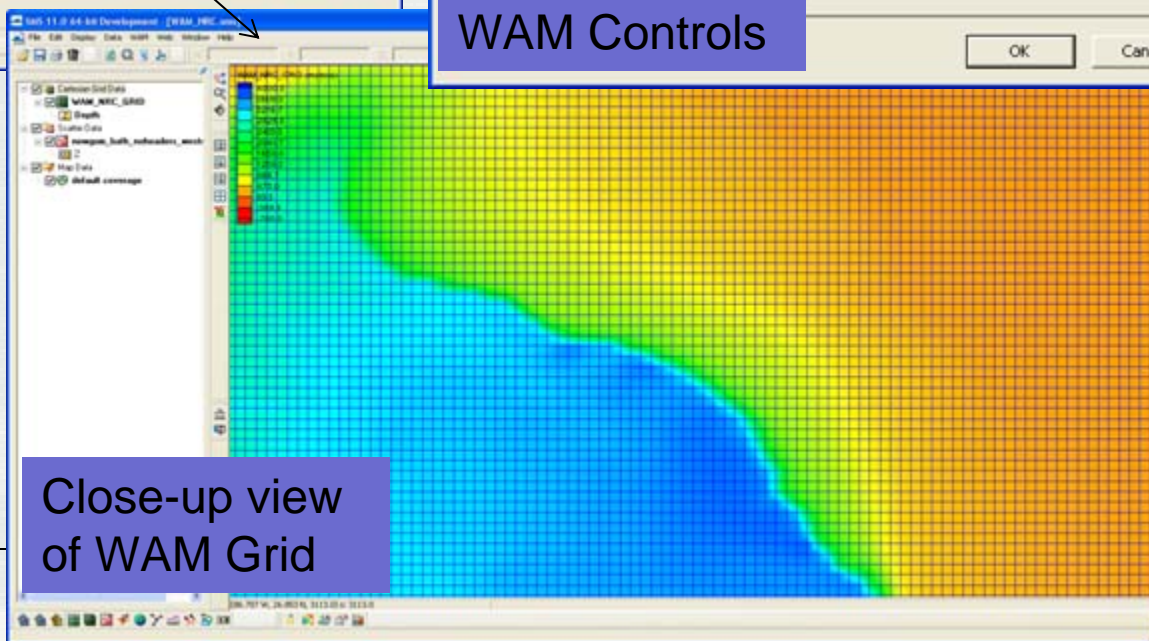
Close/reopen files: 24 hours

OK Cancel

WAM Controls

## New!! in SMS

- Create and visualize WAM grids and model results
- Setup input/control files
- Execute WAM



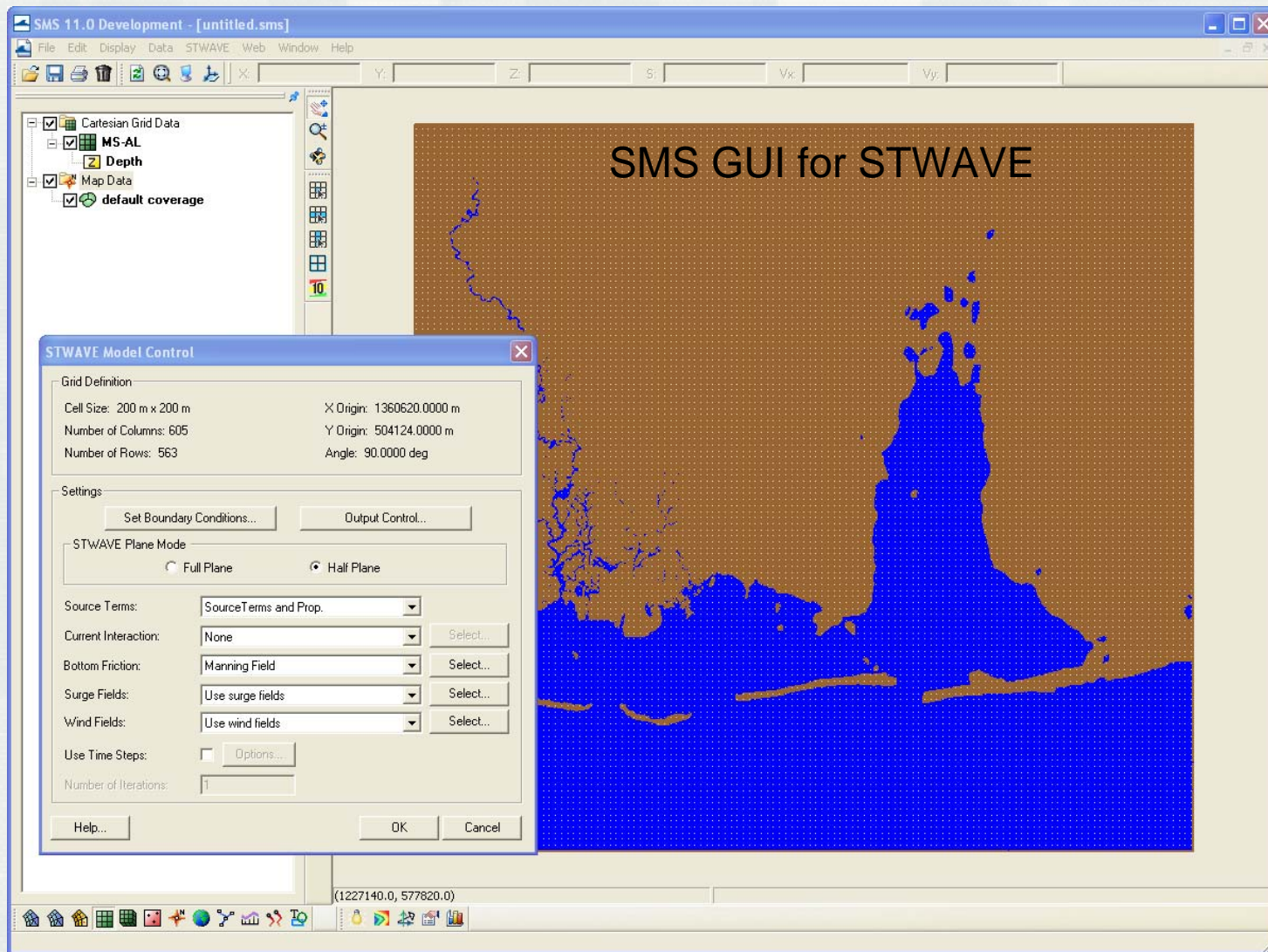
Close-up view  
of WAM Grid





# STWAVE Version 6.0

Nearshore wave transformation and wind-wave generation



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# STWAVE Version 6.0

(1 of 2)

## Full-plane mode:

wave transformation/generation on full 360-deg plane

## Additional Options with 6.0:

- Spatially-variable winds and surge
- Spatially-constant or spatially-variable bottom friction
- Lateral boundaries





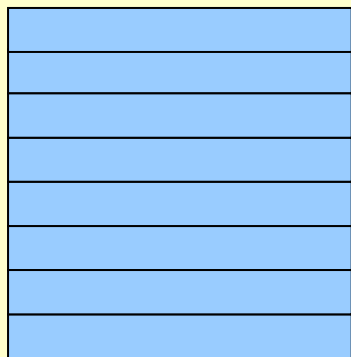
# STWAVE Version 6.0

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- Both the half-plane and full-plane version of STWAVE have been **parallelized** in space via domain decomposition
- Allows for larger grids to be used, either to cover more area or to offer finer resolution...also speeds up execution time
- Half-plane and full-plane codes co-located into a single executable
- Model parameter input files have been updated and unified

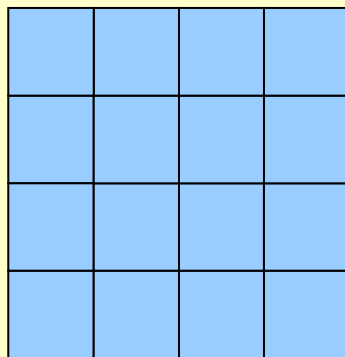
## Domain Decompositions

### Half-Plane



Thin Strips

### Full-Plane



Blocks

## Full-Plane S Grid

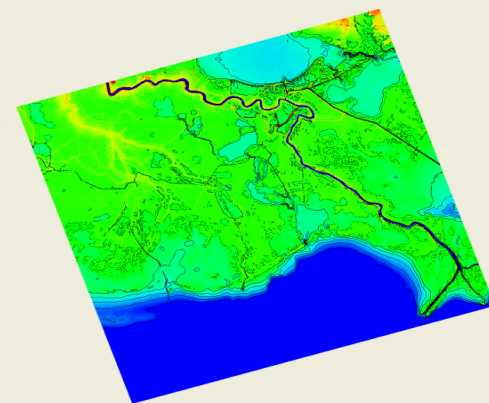
**825 x 839 cells**

**Time for 1 Snap**

Serial\* – 2 hours

256 Proc. – 3.8 min.

\*(14 Gb of Memory )



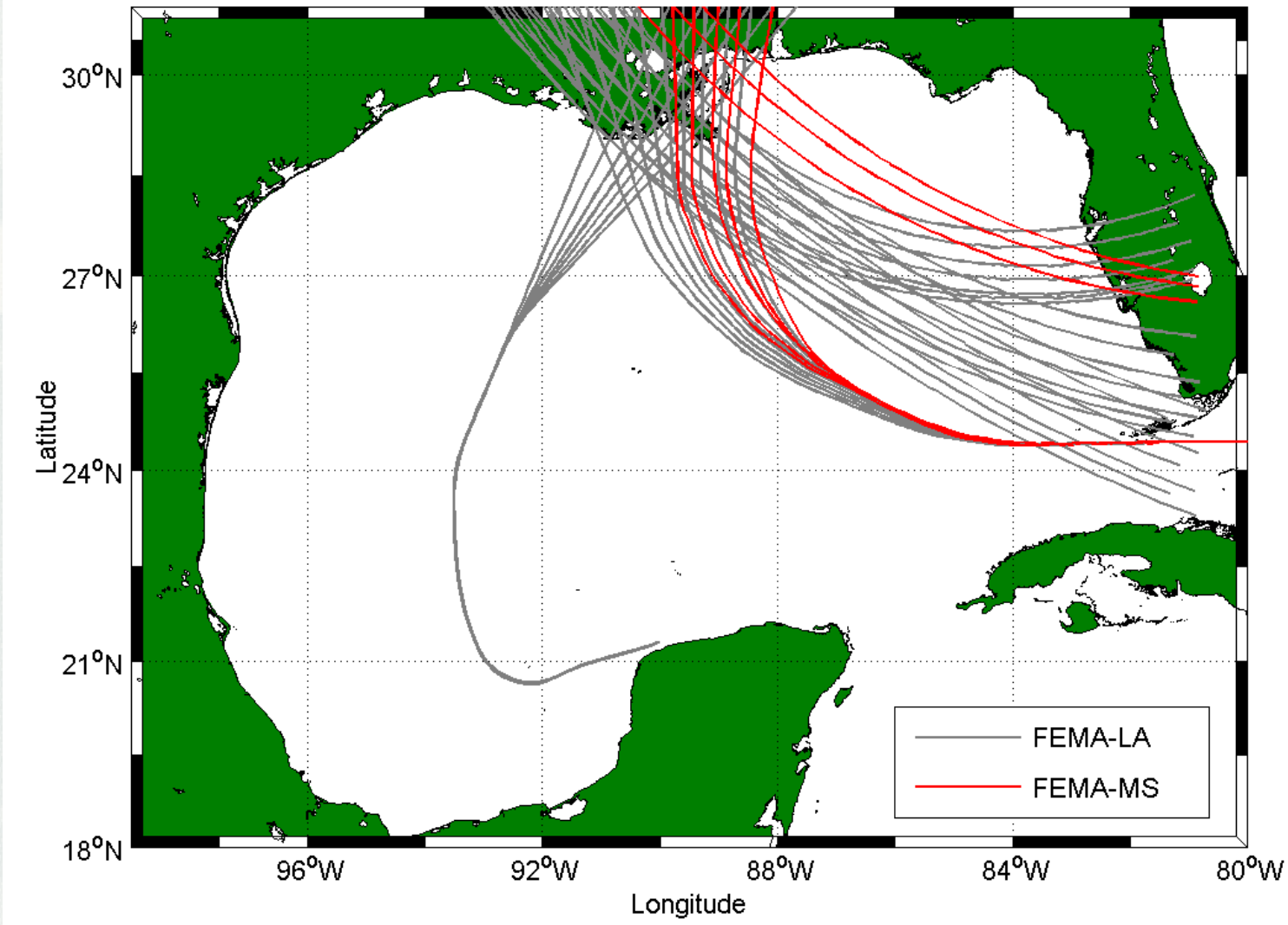
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# Storm Tracks – Eastern LA & MS

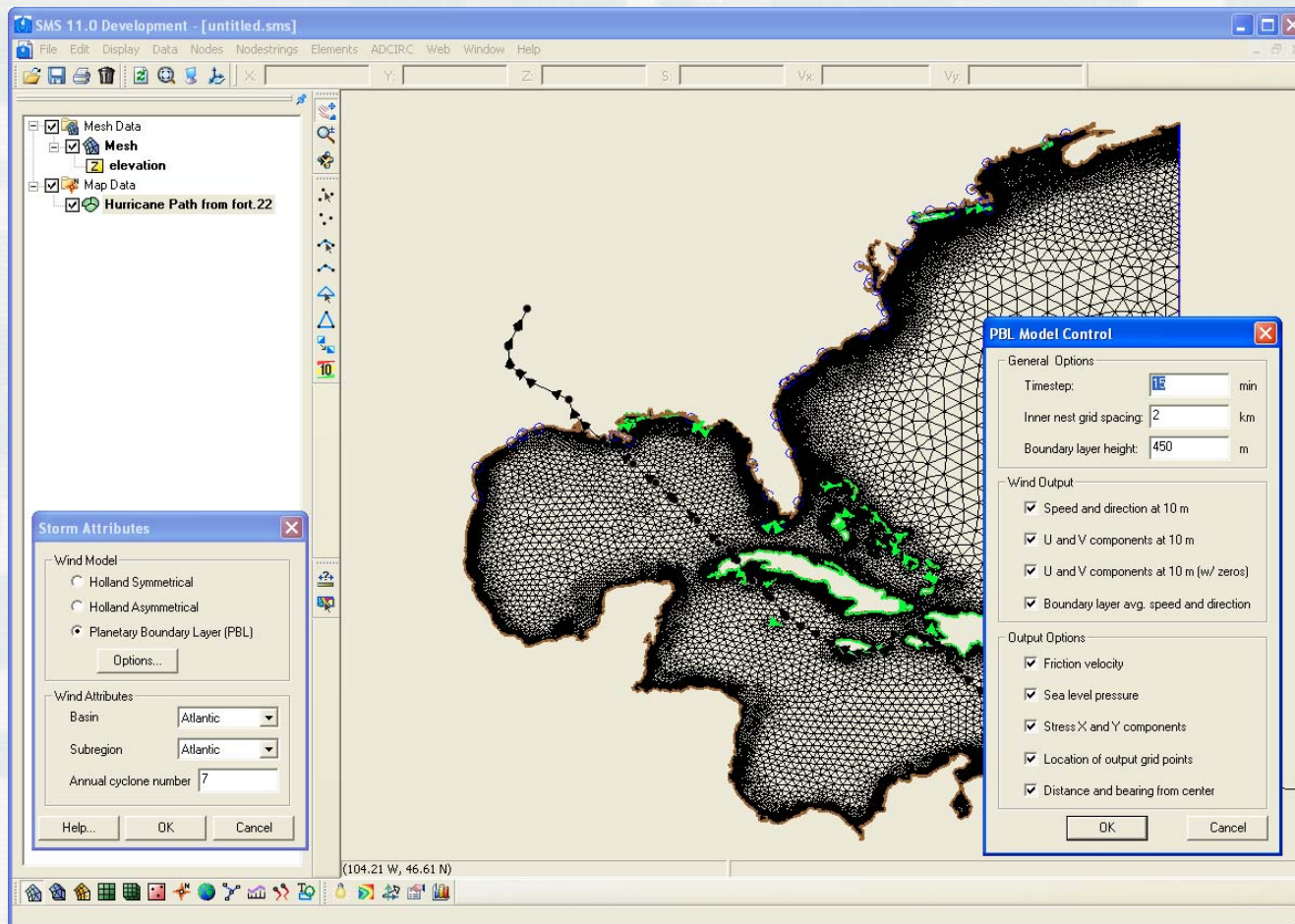


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# SMS GUI for Cyclone Models



1. Support for MORPHOS-PBL Cyclone Model\*, ADCIRC's internal Holland models and **ATCF Best Track** formats
2. Ability to read/modify existing cyclone track and characteristics
3. Ability to create cyclone track via "point-n-click" and add storm characteristics
4. Ability to auto perturb cyclone data:
  - Track
  - Speed
  - Intensity
  - Size

Note: NOAA uses the ATCF Best Track.

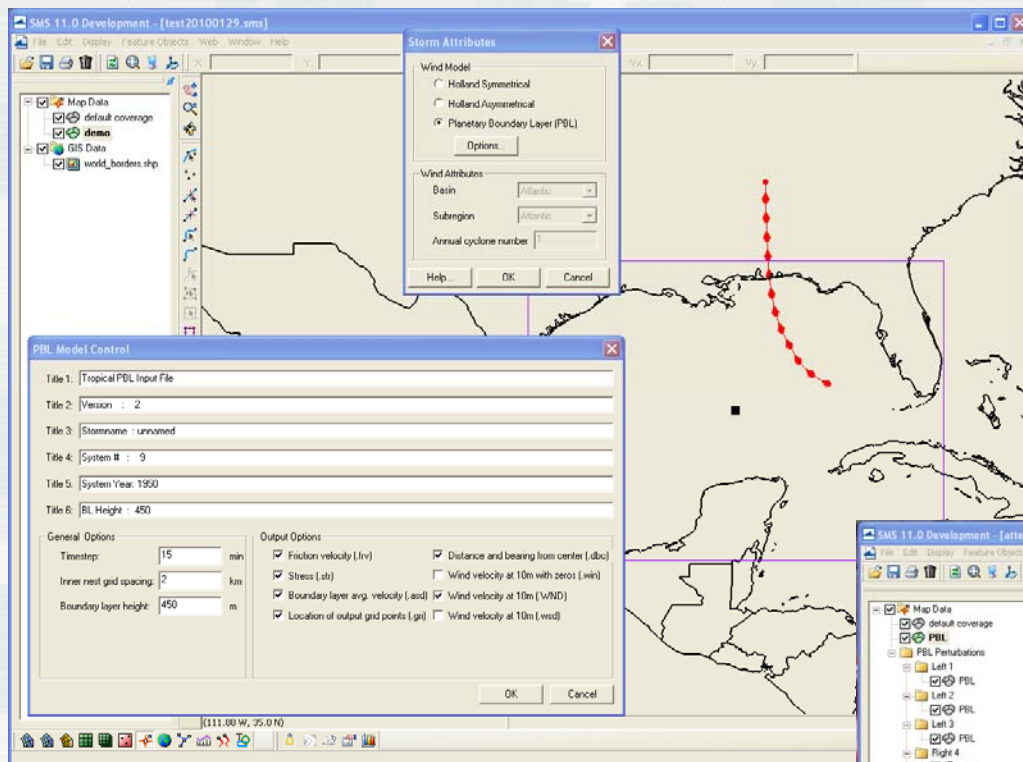
\*Updated version of TC96

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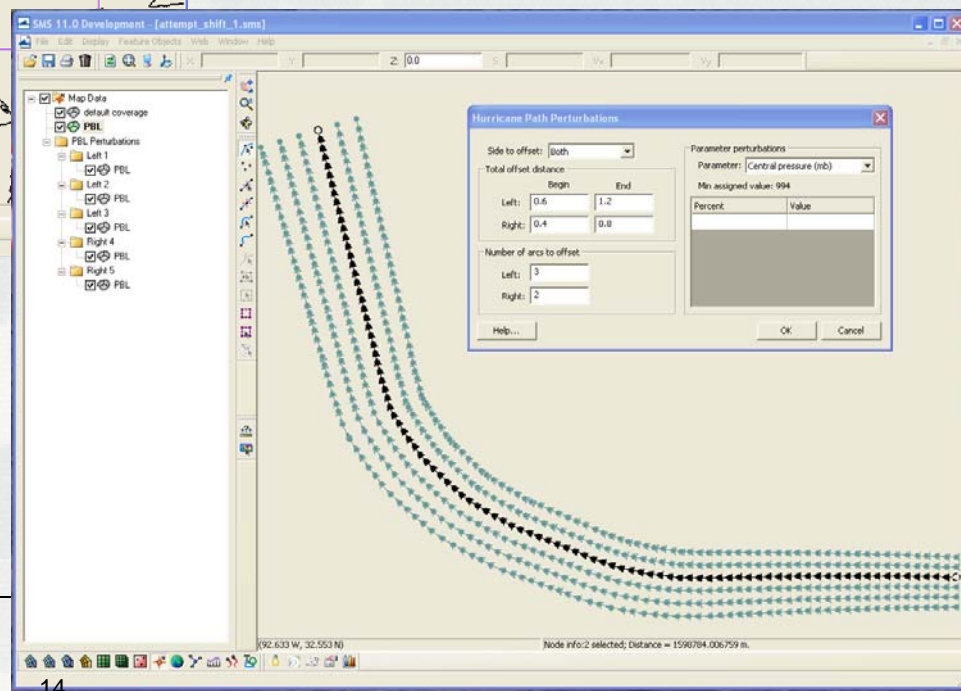
# SMS GUI for Cyclone Models



Setup and run the  
MORPHOS-PBL  
Cyclone Wind Model\*

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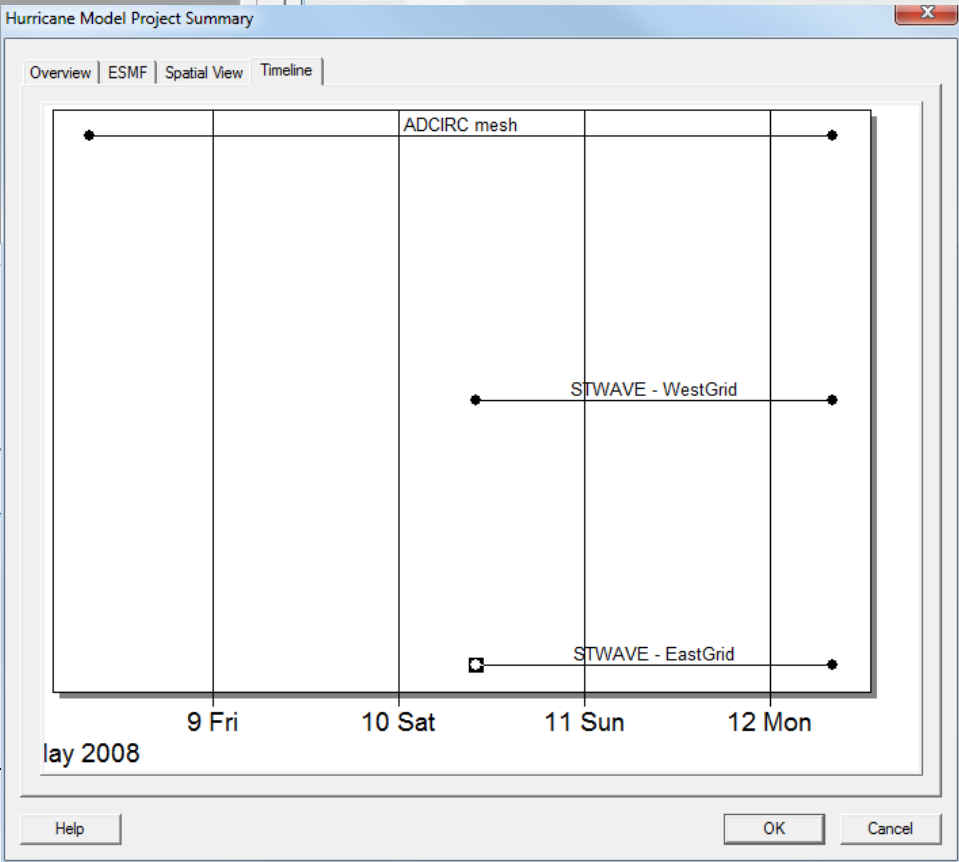
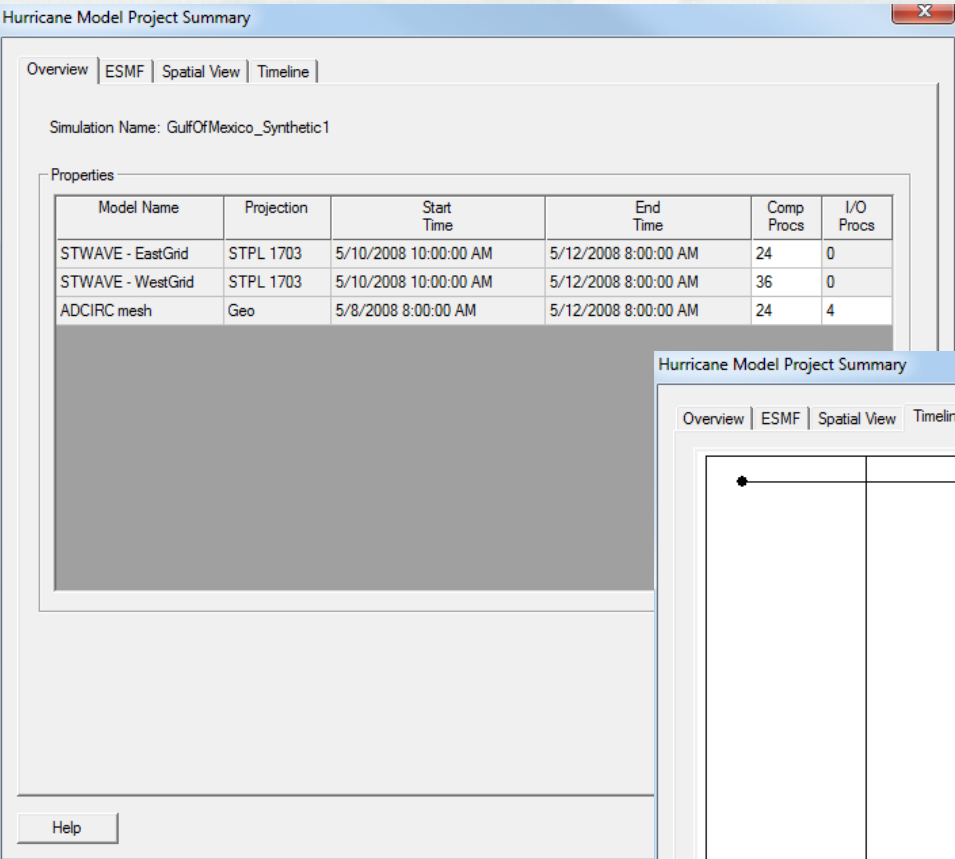
Easily create  
perturbations for storm  
track/characteristic.







# Project Management Summary View





# Coastal Storm - Database and Data Mining Tool

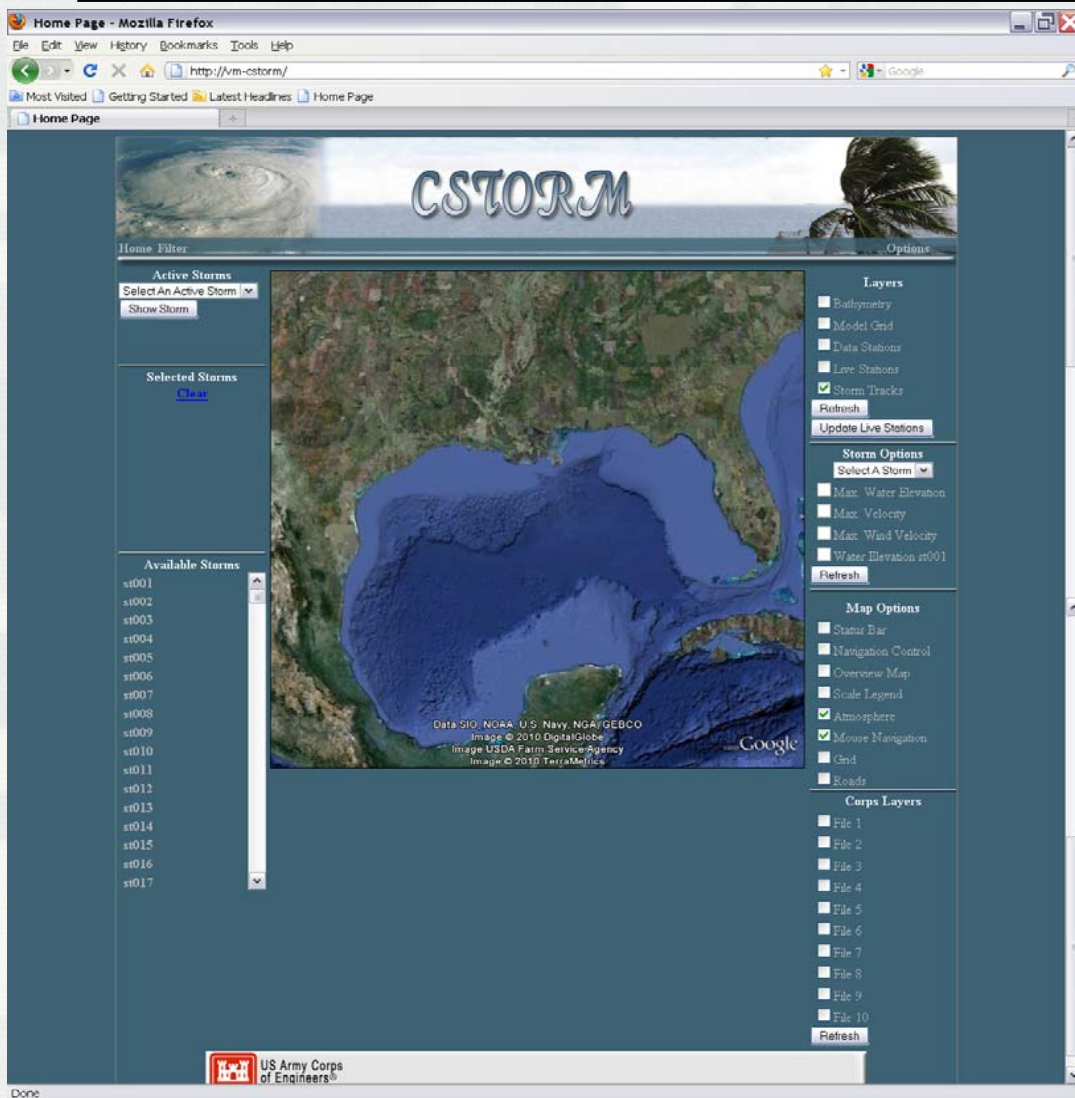
## Goals

- Develop long-term archive/database of measured and modeled coastal storm data
- Make data easily accessible and understandable to team members
- Integrate contextual data products and tools that support federal decision making
  - Emergency management
  - Risk management /assessment/communication
  - Project design and evaluation

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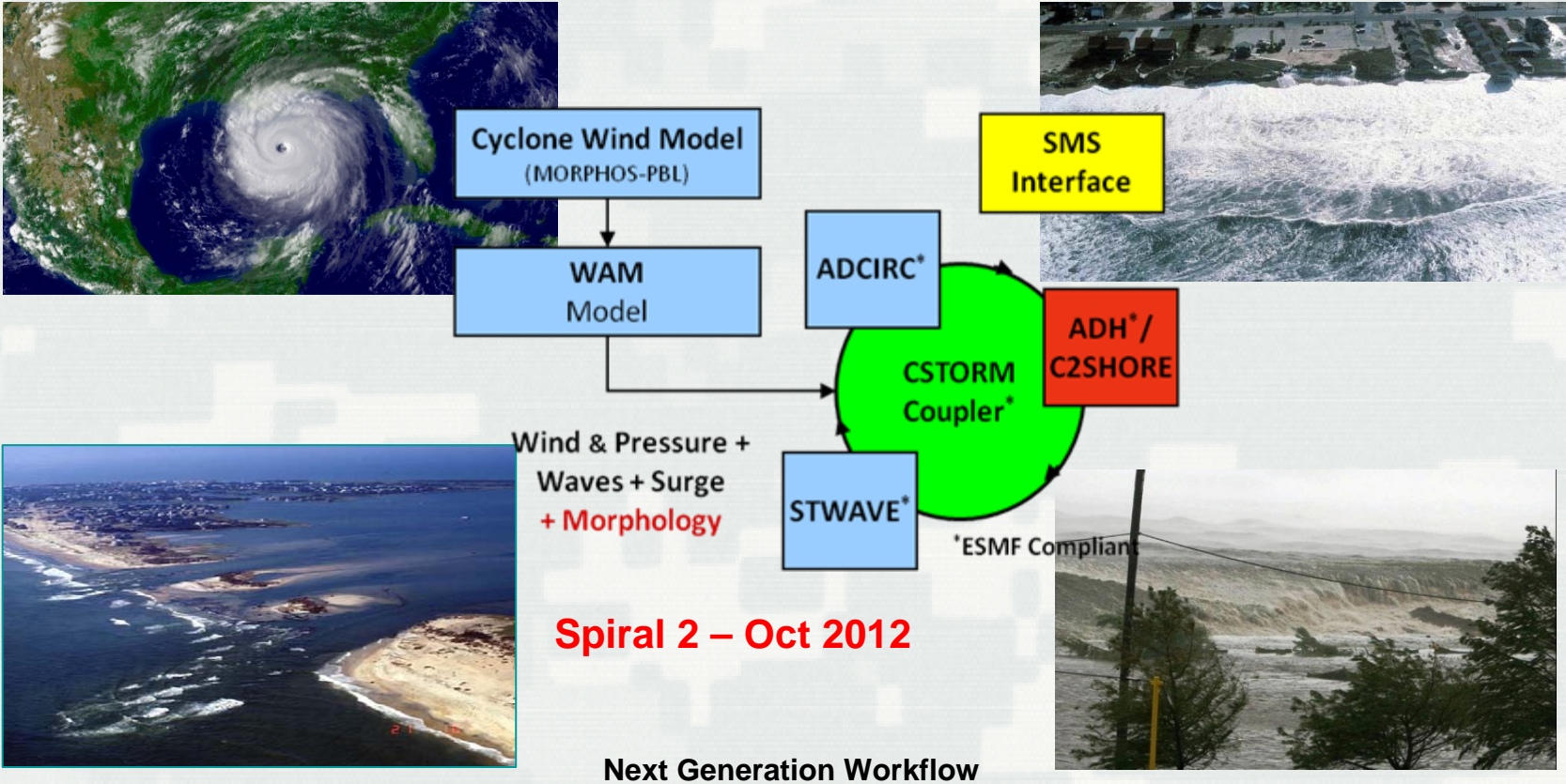
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# CSTORM-MS Summary

- Expandable
- Upgradeable
- Multi-Scale
- Multi-platform  
PC to HPC
- More than Hurricanes
- Relocatable to your study area



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